Docket No.: 1330.1010

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In Re The Application Of:

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For: SIMULTANEOUS CUSTOMER/ACCOUNT STRATEGY EXECUTION IN A DECISION

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

REPLY BRIEF

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Sir

The Examiner's Answer appears to generally reassert arguments already of record, and which were addressed in the Appeal Brief. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the arguments in the Appeal Brief are sufficient to respond to the outstanding rejections.

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However, it should be noted that, on page 14 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner wrote:

Appellant has not argued any aspects (i.e. motivation to combine) of the 103 rejection not being proper. The examiner is assuming that Appellant concurs with the examiner in that the combination is proper.

In response, the Appellant would like to clarify that the deficiencies of the cited references are set forth in the Appeal Brief. Due to these deficiencies, the Appellant respectfully submits that, as set forth in the Appeal Brief, the combination of references does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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